

**Minutes of the  
QUAD CITY RIVERFRONT COUNCIL**

Tuesday, May 24, 2011, Noon  
Quad City Botanical Center  
2525 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
Olmsted Room

**COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Jeff Anderson	Ms. Patsy Ramacitti
Mr. Steve Clark	Mr. Doug Reynolds
Mr. Steve Grimes	Mr. Vern Spring
Mr. Ralph H. Heninger	Mr. Joe Taylor
Mr. Charles Heston	

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Doug DeLille

1. Call Meeting to Order - Mr. DeLille called the meeting to order, welcoming all those in attendance.
2. Approval of the March 22, 2011 Quad City Riverfront Council (QCRFC) meeting minutes. Mr. Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spring. The minutes were approved as written.
3. Status Report – Riverfront Revival Project. Mr. DeLille informed the Council that a request for projects form had been sent to the QCRFC members. The Council was provided a handout of the projects submitted thus far for inclusion on the Riverfront Revival update. The next step will be to follow up with those who haven't responded to the request for projects. The plan is to have the project information collected and a draft layout with the map ready for submission to the both the Quad City Times and the Dispatch by earlier summer.
4. Individual Riverfront Reports –  
*Davenport* – Mr. Heston announced there will be a ceremony at 4:00 p.m. on Memorial Day for Phase I of Veteran's Memorial Park. The Credit Island Bridge is being re-bid as the first two bids were rejected. Work continues on the East Industrial Site design and project development. Mr. Heninger noted the Rotary Club gazebo for the East Industrial Park would cost approximately \$70,000 and is similar to the gazebo at Schwiebert Riverfront Park in Rock Island.  
  
*Moline* – Mr. Anderson mentioned Western Illinois University Riverfront Campus Phase I is moving along. The city is working on the Enterprise Lofts live-work apartments. The KONE corporate headquarters broke ground and is under construction. AMTRAK and transit oriented development projects are moving along with construction possible next year. Phase II of the Aeries condos, a 2<sup>nd</sup> set of 45 market rate apartments, are for lease. Moline adopted a Bikeways Plan for the city.

*QCCVB* – Mr. Taylor distributed a flyer for the American Volkssport Association Volkswalk; there are over 600 registrations for the event at this time, and volunteers are needed. The Mississippi Welcome Center Board and the QCCVB Board are considering ideas and options related to the future of the Mississippi Welcome Center. Iowa and Illinois legislators are in session and looking at cutting or possibly eliminating grant programs. Experience Q.C. Arts Collaborative, a one and a half week celebration of Quad Cities' culture and arts, is scheduled for September of 2012. The Segway tours remain popular, and tours are now offered in Davenport and LeClaire.

*Bettendorf* – Mr. Grimes reported the I-74 project is moving forward. There have been meetings with the consultant engineer, and there will be a letdown structure in Bettendorf for the trail. An elevator, spiral trail, or switchback trail are among the letdown structure options being considered to get users between the I-74 trail and the MRT. The MRT from Leach Park to Riverdale project began construction in April with anticipated completion this fall. The city is also working on the National Scenic Byways overlook with the possibility of adding an art sculpture to the site. The Waterfront Center is doing well.

*National MRPC* – Ms. Ramacitti mentioned the National Scenic Byway Program grant submission deadline was May 18, 2011 for Iowa. Applications were received from the Cities of Bettendorf and Dubuque and the Counties of Louisa and Des Moines. The applications are being ranked and scored. Iowa Department of Transportation has indicated higher priority will be given to projects requesting \$300,000 or less. Five of the ten Mississippi River Parkway Commissioners representing Iowa are up for reappointment. Among the five, there is one vacant, and the Fort Madison County and Allamakee County commissioners have indicated they will not be standing for reappointment. The MRPC was asked to comment on the 96kv transmission line being proposed across Iowa and into Illinois. The line could potentially cross through northern Scott County somewhere around LeClaire and Princeton. Both the Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation are not in favor of it.

*LeClaire* – Mr. Spring reported that next weekend would be Pickers weekend in LeClaire. A massage therapist, antique shops, and a Mexican restaurant opening this week are among the new business in town. The museum has a lot of Welcome Center panels. The city is looking to install a sound system in the downtown.

*Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce* – Mr. Reynolds reported the Case-New Holland site is still active, and the Mayor is still hopeful for the pork processing plant.

*Rock Island Arsenal* – Mr. Clark reported the Arsenal is finishing with BRAC jobs. Building 68 and building 69 are done. Investing \$90 million in industrial plant equipment for making shells. Fort Armstrong Avenue is being widened with a left turn lane being added at the Rock Island gate.

5. Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 26th, 2011 – A presentation from the QCCVB on RAGBRAI and other summer events was suggested for the meeting.
6. Other Business – Mr. DeLille provided the Council with information on public hearings and public participation input forms related to the *2040 Quad Cities MPO Long Range Transportation Plan*.
7. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.